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1. DEPUTY MINISTER OF GEOLOGY V.A. YARMOLYU CONFIRMED MAY 3 AT AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR LAW OF SEA DELEGATION THAT SEISMIC EXPLORATION ON THE BALTIC SHELF (REF) WILL BE TAKING PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THAT IT IS A CONTINUATION OF EARLIER WORK OFF THE COASTS OF POLAND AND THE GDR.

- 2. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOTENGAGED IN ANY UNDERSEA MINING AND HAS NO EXPLOITATION AGREEMENTS WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY. ITS JOINT DEEP-SEA EXPLORATION EFFORTS (FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE WITH THE US, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND) ARE SCIENTIFICALLY RATHER THAN COMMERCIALLY ORIENTED; ACCORDING TO HIM.
- 3. IN RESPONSE TO ECONOFF'S QUESTION, YARMOLYUK SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET AND DISCUSS GEOLOGY MATTERS FURTHER. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES PROVIDING INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS FOR A FOLLOW-UP MEETIING IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.

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